



Bringing the County Closer to You!

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Clarksburg Kite Festival Still On Tomorrow!

The event will take place on Saturday, March 29 whatever the weather. There will be crafts and games and you can fly kites during breaks in the rain. It has rained in past years, but kites have always managed to fly and everyone has always had a great time. Don't forget to bring canned goods, old eyeglasses and hearing aids to enter the raffles for great prizes.

Questions? Please call Kathie Hulley at 301-580-4896.

UCAB to Hold Joint Committee Meeting:

“New Montgomery Initiative” and the “Innovation Laboratory for Civic Improvement”

Monday, March 31 7:00pm

**Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown**

The Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board's Quality of Life Committee and Land Use Committee will meet to hear presentations from Lily Qi, Director of Special Projects for the County Executive, and from Dan Hoffmann, Montgomery County's Chief Innovation Officer.

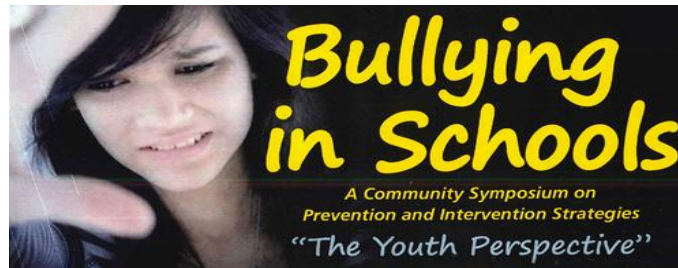
As Mr. Leggett's Special Projects Coordinator, Lily has rolled out several initiatives such as “New Montgomery” as an umbrella initiative to reposition the county for its new demographics, new workforce, and imaging in the Washington Metropolitan Area. One effort was the Nighttime Economy Task Force at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/nighttimeeconomy>. She also recently led a delegation of county and community leaders to China to discuss business and educational opportunities for Montgomery County.

Dan Hoffmann is the County's new Innovations Officer and he has established Montgomery County's “Innovation Laboratory for Civic Improvement.” So far, the Lab has produced the “Text to Give” campaign to reduce panhandling, the Autism Communication and Technology Pilot, the Food Truck Catalyst Pilot, the Justice Reinvestment Pilot Program, Body worn Camera Pilot Program, and the Maker Space Program. Others are also in progress or in planning. Check out the website at <http://mcinnovationlab.com>.

Come out! The public is welcomed!

County Celebrates “Earth Hour” by Turning Lights Out in Rockville County Buildings

Montgomery County will join the worldwide “Earth Hour” celebration on **Saturday, March 29 from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.** by turning out most lights in the largest of its downtown Rockville government buildings. Residents, schools, businesses, community groups and organizations are urged to join the County in supporting Earth Hour to make a statement about reducing energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions.



**Bullying in Schools: A Community Symposium on Prevention and Intervention Strategies
(from the Youth Perspective)**

**Saturday, March 29 12:30pm – 3:30pm
Montgomery College – Takoma Park Campus
Cultural Arts Center
7600 Takoma Avenue, Takoma Park**

Montgomery County's Office of Human Rights, the Committee on Hate/Violence and Montgomery College are co-hosting this free community forum and discussion that will be from the youth perspective. [download flyer in pdf format](#) | [calendar info](#).



National Conference on Ending Poverty

**Saturday, March 29 10:00am-4:00pm
Silver Spring Civic Building
One Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring**

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett will present the opening remarks at [The National Conference on Ending Poverty](#). The conference is sponsored by A Wider Circle, in collaboration with Montgomery County's Office of Community Partnerships. Check [Press Release](#) or [Calendar](#) for more information.

Department of Permitting Services To Hold Open House For New Fee Payment Office

**Monday, March 31 7:30am – 12:00noon
255 Rockville Pike, Rockville (Second floor)**

Montgomery County's Department of Permitting Services is hosting an open house for customers to introduce its new Fee Payment Office. The new office improves operations by creating a centralized point for payment and collection of fees and making the system that handles sensitive information more secure. The new operation will be managed by Permitting Services Manager Gail Lucas, who will be available at the open house to answer questions.

Last year, the department processed more than 50,000 different permits and licenses for more than 26,000,000 square feet of new construction, additions, renovations and tenant improvements. Nearly 85,000 plans were reviewed and completed.

Montgomery Philharmonic Announces Adult Education Masterclasses with Members of the BSO and NSO

Sunday, March 30 6:30pm
Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church, 610 S. Frederick Ave. Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Beginning Sunday, March 30, the Montgomery Philharmonic is again hosting a special series of Masterclasses with members of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and the National Symphony Orchestra. The classes are a peek into what goes on to prepare string technique and major chamber works. Members of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and the National Symphony Orchestra work with members of the Montgomery Philharmonic in intense study of the works in preparation for upcoming performances. This Sunday (March 30), Jonathan Carney and Julie Savignon will work with members of the Montgomery Philharmonic String section in general string technique related to the Mozart – *Requiem*. The format is an open rehearsal and not a performance. You are invited to attend one or more of the sessions as an audience member.

For the rest of the schedule, more about the invited coaches, and other details, visit

<http://www.montgomeryphilharmonic.org>



Montgomery College Presents: Frank Islam Athenaeum Symposia Spring 2014 Speaker Series

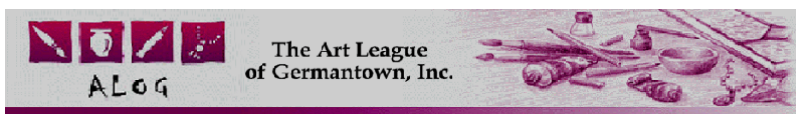
Sheila Kay Adams: *Ballad Singing, Storytelling, and Banjo Performance*

Wednesday, April 2 @ 7:00 p.m.
Montgomery College – Germantown Campus
Globe Hall—HighTech Building

Sheila Kay Adams, one of nine individuals to receive the 2013 National Heritage Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts, will demonstrate her signature drop-thumb style claw-hammer skills on the five-string banjo, her Appalachian storytelling, and ballad singing for an unforgettable evening of North Carolina folk traditions.

For more information, please visit www.montgomerycollege.edu/athenaeum or email joan.naake@montgomerycollege.edu. For accommodations, please call 240-567-7734.

(All events are free and open to the public)



"Shades of Spring" - ALOG Spring Show

April 2-6
BlackRock Center for the Arts Gallery
12901 Town Commons Drive
Germantown, MD 20874

For more information, visit <http://www.alog.org>

Reminder!

Ride On's Annual Food Drive to be Held Week of April 6; Donate Food and Take Ride On for Free

Ride On bus passengers in Montgomery County can help needy families and receive free bus rides by donating canned or nonperishable food during Ride On's annual food drive from Sunday, April 6 through Saturday, April 12. Or, those who do not ride the bus but wish to donate food can participate by giving their donations to a bus operator at any Ride On bus stop. Food collected through the drive goes to Manna Food Center, which feeds over 3,600 hungry families a month.

For bus stop locations or bus schedules, call 311 or TDD/TTY 301-251-4850. Route and timetable information is also available on Ride On's web site at www.rideonbus.com.

National Agriculture Week (March 23-30)

<http://www.agday.org>

The [Agriculture Council of America](#) organizes the event and support comes from numerous organizations across the agriculture and food spectrum.

"Even though farmers and ranchers may be overlooked when it comes to influence on our food supply, this group of folks has a huge impact on our daily lives. Most of the non-food products we use on a daily basis include by-products from livestock animals and crops. Cotton fibers make up a large amount of our favorite clothing and many crops are used to generate energy and fuel. agriculture has a huge impact on rural business and economies, providing jobs, sources of tax revenue, and many farm organizations make large food donations possible for crisis and hunger relief." --- *Ryan Goodman, contributing writer to CNN*

2014 Election Dates

Montgomery County's Board of Elections reminds residents that the **2014 Gubernatorial Primary Election this year is Tuesday, June 24. Early voting begins on June 12 and continues through June 19.** [Visit the website](#) for early voting center locations and hours of operation. The deadline to register to vote is June 3 at 9pm. To find out about additional important election dates, check the [Board of Elections Calendar](#).

Board of Elections is looking for Election Judges!

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Elections/ElectionJudge/Overview.html>

Board of Elections Future Vote Program Seeks High School Juniors/Seniors to Serve as Paid Election Judges <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Elections/FutureVote/faq.html>

Conflict Resolution Center of Montgomery County Seeking Interns and Volunteers

The Conflict Resolution Center of Montgomery Center (CRCMC) is seeking high school and college office/program interns during the summer to assist staff with office operations and programs. Possible duties include: putting together packets for mediators, entering records and data into MADTrac and generating reports, helping callers who are inquiring about services, writing an electronic newsletter, updating the website and social media, improving our printed materials, assisting with our major fall fundraising gala, and helping with any necessary office projects or research. Hours are flexible Monday to Friday and the office is open between 9 am and 5 pm.

In addition to being able to earn academic credit, interns are eligible to attend certain CRCMC alternative dispute resolution trainings free of charge. This is a great opportunity to expand nonprofit office administrative and project

management skills, to learn about Alternative Dispute Resolution, and to help out a nonprofit organization at the same time.

Interns must be at least 16 years old and a rising high school junior at the start of the internship. They should be proficient in MS Office Suite and Google documents (or willing to be trained) and have a professional manner in person and on the phone. It's important for interns to be reliable, committed, and organized. They must be available at least 16 hours per week (and up to 32 hours per week).

If questions, contact: Laura McGrew, Office and Project Manager, at laura@crcmc.org. For more about CRCMC, visit <http://www.crcmc.org>.

Friends of the Library, Montgomery County to Close Used Bookstore in Gaithersburg

Due to the renovation of Quince Orchard Plaza in Gaithersburg, the used bookstore there operated by Friends of the Library, Montgomery County (FOLMC) will close on April 5. The store operated at this location for nearly five years and was part of the organization's effort to expand its bookstore operations to the Upcounty area. FOLMC currently operates two bookstores in Rockville and Wheaton.

Most items are now marked 50 percent off the sale price. The store has stopped accepting donations, so customers can take their used books to the Wheaton or Rockville locations. The Wheaton bookstore in the lower level of the Wheaton Library, 11701 Georgia Ave., was named Best Used Bookstore by the Washington City Paper and the Rockville bookstore, at Randolph Hills Shopping Center (next to Moti's Market), 4886 Boiling Brook Pkwy., won in the category of Best Used Bookstore in 2014 from Bethesda Magazine.

Proceeds from the bookstores support library enhancements throughout Montgomery County Public Libraries. Bookstore customers may also visit their local branch libraries for used book sales throughout the year.

Railroad Street Train Crossing in Washington Grove Reopened on Saturday

CSX reopened the Railroad Street train crossing in Washington Grove to vehicles on Saturday, March 22 after it was closed on February 7 for emergency repairs to the track bed.

Completion of the repairs was delayed because asphalt had not been available over the past few weeks due to the unusually cold weather. The Montgomery County Department of Transportation, Division of Highway Services, stepped in to assist CSX in locating an asphalt plant to provide what was needed, expediting ultimate completion of the project.

For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/csltml.asp?url=/content/council/news/news.asp>

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/libraries/index.asp>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permittingervices.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>